

#### **MOST IMPORTANT!!!**

- ✓ It is imperative that all voter registration cards be turned in to the appropriate county clerk at least twenty-nine (29) days before any election in order for the cards to be processed.
- Applicants are not registered to vote until the voter registration cards are processed at the county clerk's office.
- Voters whose registration cards are submitted after this time will NOT be eligible to vote in the upcoming election.
- ✓ See KRS 116.045



# How do I get voter registration cards for my registration drive?

- ✓ Request cards from your local county clerk.
- ✓ For a substantial number of cards contact the State Board of Elections.
- ✓ You may also direct voters to our website (<u>www.elect.ky.gov</u>) to print out the on-line voter registration card.



# Is the person eligible to register to vote in Kentucky?

- ✓ To be eligible to register to vote, a person must: be a <u>U.S. citizen</u> and a <u>resident of Kentucky</u> not less than 28 days before the election;
  - be at least 18 years old by the date of the next general election;
  - not be a convicted felon (or, if so, have civil rights restored);
  - not have been judged mentally incompetent in a court of law;
  - not claim the right to vote anywhere outside Kentucky.

See Kentucky Constitution 145

- ✓ Minors 17 years of age who will become 18 by the November general election are eligible to vote in the prior May primary election only.
- ✓ See KRS 116.055.



### How will a person know if they are registered to vote?

✓ The person will receive an acknowledgement card in the mail from the county clerk with the voter s precinct name and voting location address, usually within three weeks after the clerk receives the voter registration cards.



### Is the voter registration card complete?

- ✓ A <u>complete residential address</u> must be provided on the voter registration card. Failure to do so will result in a delay in the processing of the application because the county clerk may not be able to assign a precinct.
- √ A mailing address must be provided ONLY if it is different from the residential address. The mailing address is used to send the voter acknowledgement that his/her registration voter has been processed, or when the county needs clerk s office more information in order to process the registration application.
- The voter must mark a choice in the <u>party registration</u> field. If no party registration is selected, the voter is eligible to vote for only nonpartisan offices in any primary election.
- ✓ A <u>date of birth</u> is required to verify that the voter meets the minimum age requirement for voting.
- Two witnesses are required for a voter signature ONLY if the voter uses a mark to sign his or her name.
- ✓ See KRS 116.155



# Is the voter already registered but wants to change his/her political party registration?

✓ For a voter <u>already registered</u> but changing party registration, the voter may change his/her political party registration at any time, but must do so prior to December 31<sup>st</sup> to remain eligible to vote in the following primary election. See KRS 116.055.



#### Has the voter changed his/her name or residential address?

✓ It is very important that the county clerk have the most up-to-date information as possible. A voter with a name or address change should complete a new voter registration card with the updated information and current signature.



### Where are the completed voter registration cards sent?

✓ The voter registration card should be routed to the clerk in the county listed on the voter registration card [ County (where you live) ], NOT to the State Board of Elections. A current listing of all county clerks is available from our website (www.elect.ky.gov) or from the State Board of Elections.



### How will the voter know where to vote?

The voter will receive a notice in the mail from the county clerk with his/her precinct name and voting location address. The polls are open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., local time. All those in line by 6 p.m. will be able to vote. If a voter has any questions concerning where to vote, he/she may call the county clerk or visit the Voter Information Center available on the State Board of Elections web site. The Voter Information Center includes the address of the voter's precinct and a map with driving directions.

#### PENALTIES FOR WRONGFUL REGISTRATION OR FAILURE TO TURN IN VOTER REGISTRATION CARDS:

KRS 119.025; KRS 119.035; KRS 119.045





# √Checklist for Voter Registration Drives √

2006 ELECTION DATES
PRIMARY ELECTION
MAY 16, 2006
GENERAL ELECTION
NOVEMBER 7, 2006



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